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THE DEMOCKATIC MANAGERS

Have Got Themselves Into Muddle by Bringing Up Charges of Bribery Against Goff

And They are Using Every Expedient to Draw Out the Investigation to the Greatest Length.

STOLLINGS TAKES THE STAND

And Denies Everything that Delegate Harr Charges in the Paper Presented to

General Goff Also Testifles That He Never Used Money or Authorized Any One to I'se It for Him.

DEMOCRATS ARE DESPERATE

And Will Prolong the Sitting of the Committee Until They Hunt Up More Immaterial Witnesses.

The Bottom of Their Case Has Dropp Out, and They are Now Uncertain Which Way to Turn-The Object of the Committee Adjourning Until This

were ready with another expedient to get delay; and to-night on the shallowest of pretexts they induced the committee to grant them more delay, which may be opening the way for dewhen the committee met supper, it was developed to one witness whom the accusing to start the Sergeant-at-Arms, but that

functionary returned with the witness, chipper enough. For aught he knew he might as well have re-emained at home. It was evident that some one had made a mistake with reference to the physicial condition of this witness. It was in order for counsel to explain or apologize, but nothing of the kind is on the record. A court would have stood somebody on his head for that thing. The next effort to some more witnesses, or some more appeals or protests for delay. The Republican minority of the com-

mittee recognized the irregularity and

unfairness of the request, but it was granted all the same.

THE OBJECT OF DELAY.

As it stands the committee meets at 9 o'clock to learn from counsel whether they have found any more witnesses, or discovered or invented any more pretax for delay. At 11 o'clock the Joint Assembly meets. The obvious scheme of the Democratic managers is to move of more delay. The obvious object of the delay is to try to whip in the Democratic managers is to move creats who intend to vote for Goff. If it had not been for this Harr would not have had his virtue tampered with, there would have lead his virtue tampered with, there would have been no bribery "bombshell," no bribery investigation, "I have been informed of the same and to the paper were not consulted and the man sent to the penientary. I do him to go and meet Ford and Stollings and the and the man sent to the penientary. I do him to go and meet Ford and Stollings, and he said he would go and get Mar. St. Clair to draw up the paper. St. Clair sent the paper to me and I sent it Harr. This was about ten minutes be fore the Joint Assembly met. He said and the correct them as well and to been for this Harr would not have had his virtue tampered with, there would have been no bribery investigation, "Both and the came to Clairles to have been in the paper were not constituent to be proved by the paper. I told him to correct them as well and the content of the delay is to try to whip in the Democratic managers is to move a suit of the delay is to try to whip in the Democratic managers is to move a suit of the delay is to try to whip in the Democratic managers is to move a suit of the delay is to try to whip in the Democratic managers is to move a suit of the delay is to try to whip in the Democratic managers is to move a suit of the delay is to try to whip in the Democratic managers is to move a suit of the delay is to try to whip in the Democratic managers is to move a suit of the delay is to try to whip in the Democratic managers is to move a suit of the delay is to try to wh

the delay is to try to whip in the Demo-crats who intend to vote for Goff. If it had not been for this Harr would not have had his virtue tampered with, there would have been no bribery "bombshell," no bribery investigation, no admission of the accuser that he had told untruths in essential particulars, and told them because he had not time to tell the truth. It may as well be un-invested now as later that if the Demoderstood now as later that if the Democratic managers can help it, there will be no determination of the result until

that. Harr said that the portion of his statement which represented that he was to get half the money in advance was untrue. This was one of the errors which he had not time to correct. He was not to get anything until he had "the was a state of the said of "delivered the goods." Carr testifies that Harr told him the half cash story.

corrupting members of the Legisland except that of liarr, the self desired witness, points to any such stroyed witness, points to any such effort in General Goff's behalf, if the Committee desires the truth and of it went into the investigation with the intent to do justice, it is as well prepared to report now as it ever will be. Yet the Committee waits for connsel to say when the Joint Assembly may go ahead with its business. The testimony of the accuser is so flatly contradictory of his written statement that the Democratic press will not print it—up to this moment has not print it—up to this moment h

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 3.—The Special Committee to investigate Delegate Harr's bribery charges met this morning, put in all the day and added a vator man," cousin of the Delegate, Dave Harr, testified last winter when became went back on me. Some one, I tnink it was Walker, said maybe Governor Wilson would let me run the elevator. Daye Harr said, when he walked across the bridge, that he was offered \$1,000 and the Mine Inspectorship. He told it to me privately, away from Delegate Prichard, who was walking with us. He told me as we walked up street that he could get more.

get more.
Sol D. Peyser, aged 19 years—I know Stollings; saw him at the Opera House on Friday night. He said he was look-ing for somebody; afterwards he said he found the person he wanted. Saw no

Goff and my impression is he said he

THE CROSS-EXAMINATION.

was the weakest member of the House

there. In a few moments I went to the saloon below. Stollings passed me and made a jocular remark to me.

Fritz Gramm, usher in Opera House and employed in the Auditor's office, said Stollings came to the Opera House and said he was looking for a man; saw no note sent in.

J. H. Dougherty—Was at the Opera House Friday night, and saw Stollings. Don't remember distinctly whether I saw him with Harr; was in the saloon between acts.

between acts.

Clarence Burdett, a Senate page—Was at Opera House last Friday night. I took a folded piece of paper from him and gave it to a man who looked exactly like the man who got up and offered that thing in the Legislature?

Ren Watts, journal page in the House of Delegates—Know Strollings and know Dr. Anly of the House.

of Delegates—Know Strollings and know Dr. Aultz, of the House. Aultz said he Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 3.—Delay is the watchword of the Democratic managers. They exploded their stage "bomb-shell" to get delay. They made the committee's first night session a dry haul to get delay. They have since strung out a line of inconsequential witnesses to get delay. To-night they were ready with another expedient to had not been able to read it all. He had not been able to read it all. He said Mr. Ford had told him that after reading the testimony he bad decided to vote to seat General Goff. This was on Saturday morning. I give his lan-guage as near as I can. I have told it to several. Harr opened the conversation about the Governor question. I said I had not made up my mind. That was about half an hour before the Joint As-sembly my. We have not talked to. sembly met. We have not talked to-gether since. Had some other conver-

larr, Strollings and others boarded here. At the table the boys were althere. At the table the boys were al-ways joking with Harr about what he would take to vote with them. This was generally the topic of conversation. Itarr had been worried about his voting. One morning he remarked to me that Mr. Carney, of Marion, had come in and he reckoned he would have to surrender. Now Harr and Stollings were intinate and were together a good deal at night. MINE INSPECTOR CUNNINGHAM'S STORY for the First district-Kuow Stollings never had any conversation with him in me there might be \$1,200 got to influence some parties. Bob Stollings is a poor boy and has no money, and I don't think he would do that. Stollings said Senate-The first I heard of this matter that is Saturday morning. Hart told me.
Mr. Mollahan—Is that evidence.
Chairman Price—I suppose it is leading up to the preperation of this paper.
Mr. Brown—We propose to account for a slight discrepancy between Herr's testimony and his written maper.

would like to talk to me about it. I talked with him at the Ruffner; was not referring about the Governorship; nothing was said about it. It has been my understanding that if Judge Fleming with the street and invited him to go with us to eat the street and invited him to go with the street and the street and invited him to go with the street and the street and the s

Dr. J. W. Hartigan, of the State University, testified that he came to Charleston last Thursday night; did not hear him say that General Goff would know the situation; he did not mention (ien. Goff'a name, though I thought he was talking about Gen. Goff. My impression was that he said this person said to bring them often and large. I paid no attention to it. I couldn't say definitely that Gen. Goff was the man he was taking about. Goff was the man he was talking about, but that was my impression. It was simply a general friendly conversation. The conversation was brought to my mind by subsequent occurrences. It mind by subsequent occurrences. It was my impression that these checks were to be used in the contest. We generally jest when we meet. He is a lively conversationalist. I always thought he was a Democrat, and supposed maybe he had found out something. I wasn't paying much attention to it. My impression is that Stollings did not know my politics.

STOLLINGS DENIES HARR'S STORY. that Harr told him the half cash story.

Goff's skirts cleared.

Creditable witnesses testified that all last winter it was the habit to joke at the boarding house table about what members could get for their votes. Note a line of anybody's testimony connects Goff with Stollings or anybody else in corrupting members of the Legislature, and not a line of anybody's testimony except that of Harr, the self descripting and the self-descripting members of the Legislature, and not a line of anybody's testimony except that of Harr, the self descripting members of the Legislature, and not a line of anybody's testimony except that of Harr, the self descripting members of the Legislature, and not a line of anybody's testimony except that of Harr, the self descripting the self-descripting conversions about what he could have stroyed witness, points to any such stroyed witness, points to any such stroyed witness, points to any such self-descripting conversations about getting the stroyed witness, points to any such self-descripting conversations about getting the stroyed witness, points to any such self-descripting conversations about getting the stroyed witness, points to any such self-descripting conversations about getting the stroyed witness, points to any such self-descripting conversations about getting the stroyed witness are stroyed witness, points to any such self-descripting conversations about getting the stroyed witness there is your man.' Gapitol Saturday morning we saw Ford. A. B. Stollings story. When I wand I said ! Later is your part in the said scale in to Saturday morning we saw Ford. When I went and detailed it to St. Clair when I went and detailed it to St. Clair when I went and detailed it to St. Clair when I went and detailed it to St. Clair when I went and detailed it to St. Clair when I went and detailed it to St. Clair when I went and detailed it to St. Clair when I went and detailed it to St. Clair when I went and detailed it to St. Clair when I went and detailed it to St. Clair when I went and de

printed it—and still the committee waits. The Democratic managers are riding a waiting race. Their theory is, while in there is life there is hope, and there isn't much life left in their scheme either. Members are getting tired of this sort of thing, and while there may be still futher delay, there may also be a rebellion against the state of the state of the still futher delay, there may also be a rebellion against the state of the state of

did so; came back and said he had \$900. I advised Harr to take it and show it in

Joint As embly, and as we came into the

these tactics which the members may be unable to quell. Reinforcements are still arriving to bolster up what seems to be another "lost cause," but the new recruits are not meeting with much encouragement, More bribery rumors are afloat tonight, and possibly the Joint Assembly may be shelled with some more "bombs" to-morrow. Republicans are well satisfied with the developments of the investigation, glad it came about and are calmiy awaiting the morrow. C. B. H.

THE BRIBERY CHARGES.

The Investigation Continued—Stollings Described by the Cuant of the Capitol and saw Harr talking with him and saw Harr talking with the deployments of the interesting the morrow. C. B. H.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., Feb. 3.—The inconversation with Ford in the hall of the University of State (New York). Special Deplote to the Intelligencer.

Output for Gen. Goff. Harr wanted to committee by 9 o'clock in the morning. It was developed that young White is a clerk in the office of Secretary of State (Walker, and that he boards with Mr. Walker.

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Delegates. I touched him on the arm and said: "I see you have your man." That is about all. Made an ostatement at all that I had money. Made no offers last Friday evening of had neither to offer. Never directly or indirectly offered Harr money or the conversation with Dr. Hartigan was in substance about as he has stated. I did any anything about drawing drafts on Gen. Golf, it was in a jocular manner. I never was authorized to draw for anything on Gen. Golf, it was in a jocular manner. I never was authorized to draw for anything and that Harr was the weakest member of the House, and I thought he could be infinenced. Neither Gen. Golf mor his friends were authorized or attempted to authorize me to use money, or to promise money or any position to influence a very fermion of the Lair.

legality of the vote by which this was

Gen. Golf-Gentlemen of the Committee: But for the statements on the floor of the Joint Assembly when the paper was presented by Delegate Harr on Saturday-I mean the remarks made by members of the Joint Assembly subsequent to the reception of that paper, in which I was mentioned, I think I would not want to say anything. I desire to state relative to that paper, and any attempt has been made to corrupt or improperly influence the vote of any other member of the Joint Session to vote for either contestant or contestee." that I have not at any time since the election in 1888 since the notice of con-test surved on me in this case, in any man-ner, shaper form attempted to inhume said he was rather inclined that way. At our boarding house last week jokes passed across the table about members selling their vote. Cross-examined by Col. St. Clair-Had no conversation with Dr. Aultz about three either directly or indirectly. Thave not used one cent of money or authorized any person to use one cent of money or authorized any person to use one cent of money or for that purpose. I have neither directly nor indirectly communicated with any member of the West Virginia Legislature relative to the way in which his vote would be cast in this matter. I did not have any conversation with this young man Stollings relative to any other member of this Legislature. I did not ake him to see them; I never gave him one cent of money or promised him one cent of money for any such purpose. I have never drawn a cheek or draft or made a promise in any manner that could be used, or was intended to be used, for the purpose of influencing any member of this Legislature.

Question by Mr. Hubbard—You have spoken principally of the alleged use of Massimore seek of the control of the control of this Legislature.

Question by Mr. Hubbard—You have spoken principally of the alleged use of Massimory. Felb. 3—The fight, in Massimory. Felb. 3—The fight, in Massimory. taking a walk with Harr and said noth-

the Governor of this State, or from any other source, for the purpose of aiding me in securing a result in this contest that, I may say, I always thought I was entitled to. And I will say further that no one has asked me to promise them office in councetion with said matter. I never authorized anyone to say to Mr. Harr or to any one else, that if the result of this controversy should be in my favor that he or they or anyone else should have any office from me. would be honored.

Col. Chew-Weren't you taking great.
liberties with General Goff? I suppose
this will be a lesson to you, Strollings.
It certainly will. I suppose I was elevating myself and degrading General
Goff.

question.
Then counsel for Judge Fleming and

asked him how about did not mention Gen. Let the seed him how about did not mention Gen. Let the the context and super half on the context. We are meer need. He is a Democrat, and suph after the context. We are meer need. He is a Democrat, and suph after the context. We are meer need. He is a Democrat, and suph half ound out some half in advance. Stollings half the context and suph half ound out some half in advance. Stollings half the context in preciously and the context was not bound by any rules of evidence. The point was whether Carr should be allowed to tell what he toold St. Clair. Harr tool him and what he told St. Clair. Harr told him and what he told St. Clair. Harr told him and what he told St. Clair. Harr told him and what he told St. Clair. Harr told him and what he told St. Clair. Harr told him and what he told St. Clair. Harr told him and what he told St. Clair. Harr told him and what he told St. Clair. Harr told him and what he told St. Clair. Harr told him and what he told St. Clair. Harr said he would have to see friends. Harr said he would have to see friends. Harr said he would have to see friends. Harr said he size had found out some half in advance. Stollings said he had \$900. The committee to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning to hear more witnesses, if there shall be any. Mr. Brown could not say that there would be, but there might be. Ounsel on other side and there would be, but there might be any. Mr. Brown could not say that there would be, but there wou been had. Counsel and reporters were asked to retire to give the committee an opportunity to confer with closed doors. The committee decided to give the time asked by counsel for Judge Fleming and Delegate Harr, and accordingly adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow

willson's anti-trust bill

HIRDLYS ANTI-TRUST BILLI
Hammered by the House and Sent Back to
the Committee-School Book Bill.
Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.
CHARLESTON, Feb. 3.—Governor Wilson's anti-trust bill had the life hammered out of it to-day, and was sent back to
the committee by a vote of thirty-five to
fourteen. It could as well have been
beaten then and there. Mr. Sprigg
fought hard for it, but it was so
dangerous a measure that the House dangerous a measure that the House would not swallow it. Coal operators along the Chesapeake & Ohio road were present and begged members not to pass a bill that would place them at the a bil that would place them at the mercy of Pennsylvania operators and ruin their business. Governor Wilson labored hard to get the bill through.

Altizer's measure, House Bill No. 6, to repeal the present school book system, was ordered to its third reading and engrossment. Its chance to pass seems fair.

Death Comes to Him, James heard last week died to-day at the City Hos, ital. Financial embarrass-ment and dejection caused by the pre-vailing ep. emic are the cause of his act. CAPT. SMITH SEATED

As Congressman-elect for the Fourth West Va. District.

publicans Have a Quorum for the First Time this Session-W. L. Wilson's Speech.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3,-It is the Ion. Charles B. Smith, M. C., now. At exactly 8:30 to-night he walke down the nisle of the House of Repre ecompanied by General Grosvener, o tinued. Nor can there be any question raised by the most querulous as to the

accomplished. One hundred and sixty six Republicans had been answering to their names as roll call followed roll cal', their names as roll call followed roll call, and everybody knew that the long fight was fought and won beyond a question.

The debate to-day was long and tedious. Jackson had decided to give his share of the time to W. L. Wilson, and the latter for three-quarters of an hour indulged in a regular stump speech for the benefit of the galleries; but let it be carfully noted that Wilson's friends have always predicted that he would never defend the Governor's "twe" decision, nor Jackit to-day. Not one word did he atteron the contest case. His entire attention was given to Speaker Reed's rulings. The contest matter was avoided with ex-

treme care.

At the close of Wilson's speech Mr.
Dalzell moved the previous question on
the resolution. The first roll call dis-closed 166 Republicans present, and
Democratic hopes fell like lead. Never-

who were disposed to doubt the Speak-er's fairness had their eyes opened when Mr. O'Ferrall, Democrat, took the floor to speak for Jackson. "The House was

rooms." Mr. O'Ferrall was then accorded a respectful hearing, which is more than Dalzell was able to get.

After argaing the case, Mr. O'Ferrall made allusion to the state of affairs with which the House found itself confronted.

avenue.

Mr. Greenhale, of Massachusetts, said Mr. Greenhale, of Massachusetts, said that after the diatribe of the gentleman from Virginia it might be well to consider the question before the House involving the right of a member to his seat. He then proceeded to present the claims of the contestant, and in conclusion said that if the voice of the people was the voice of God, then the voice of God gave to the contestant from the Fourth district of West Virginia his rightful place in this House. [Applause on the Republican side.]

rightful place in this House. [Applause on the Republican side.]

Mr. Wilson, of West Virginia, while not addressing himself especially to the consideration of the election case, made an entiraly good humored speech in criticism of the recent rulings of the Speaker, which elicited great applause and laughter, as well from his political enemies as from his political free tage. enemies as from his political friends, and the Speaker could not himself repres in occasional smile.

The question then recurred on order

Ine question then recurred on ordering the previous question on the adoption of the report of the Committee on Elections, and it was ordered—yeas, 160; nays, none. This is the first time since the meeting of Congress that the Republicans have had a quorum voting, and the result was received with anythene the result was received with applause. The only absentees on the Republican side were Messrs. Caswell and Wilbur,

both of whom are sick.

Four roll calls were required before the Four roll calls were required before the vote came finally on seating Smith, the contestant; but at the end he was declared entitled to the seat by a vote of yeas 166, nays none, amid Republican applause. Mr. Smith appeared and took the oatho of flice, whereupon Mr. Springer, of Illinois, sarcastically jinquired whether this was the proper time time to make a motion to adjourn. With a similar intonation of sarcasm. the Speaker replied nation of sarcasm, the Speaker replied in the affirmative and the House ad-

Fighting Ex-Gov. Warmouth. Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.—The Senate Committee on Finance to-day further heard the objections to the confirmation of the nomination of ex-Gov.
Warmouth to be Collector of the port of CINCIN ATI, O., Feb. 3.—Wm. O., New Orleans, The opposition was representative, who attempted suicide at the St. sented by Representative Coleman James hard last week died to-day at the Demas, and Mr. Bugeois. Ex-Governon sented by Representative Coleman Demaas, and Mr. Bugeois. Ex-Governor Warmouth was present, accompanied by his friend, Major Eaton. At the close of the arguments he made responses thereto

on behalf of ex-Governor Warmouth

OHIO BALLOT BOX FORGERY. Committee and Counsel Object

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.-After a ecess of two weeks the Special Hous ommittee investigating the Ohio ballo ox forgery assembled again this morning to continue the inquiry. Representative Grosvenor opened with a state ment that since adjournment the Com-mittee and himself had been unpleas-antly criticized by the Commercial Gazette because of the conduct of the investiga-tion, and because certain witnesses had ot been cross-examined. Governor Foraker had been deprived

Governor Foraker had been deprived of cross-examination. Governor Foraker interrupted to deny that he had anything to do with the criticism. "I should hope not," said Mr. Grosvenor, "you are a lawyer."

Continuing he asked the Committee to insist upon a regular order of examination and cross-examination, so that

was not to be expected to cross-examin his own witnes

his own witnesses.

The Chairman said that he did not care what criticisms were passed upon the Committee, and he did not propose to allow newspaper editorials to influence his judgment.

Governor Foraker said that he had produced no witnesses here. This was an eflort on the part of the committee to get at the truth, and he sided the committee at its request in exting with

committee at its request in getting witnesses. If this was to be an "adversary" proceeding he wished to know it at once. He had seen an editorial in which Mr. Halstead criticised him for not cross-examining Wood, but Wood had so utterly destroyed the value of his own testimony that there was no ation.

Mr. Grosvenor said he represented no

that the attitude of a prosecuting attorney. His clients suffered from a public belief that there was a ballot box contract and he was called upon to bring out the facts, and not to be criticized on his treating witnesses so gingerly.

Mr. Turner, a member of the committee said that the committee said that the committee had called

tee, said that the committee had called Wood and it had cross-examined him. He, Mr. Turner, had taken part in it. Mr. . Cogswell said the commi He, Mr. Turner, had taken part in it. Mr. Cogswell said the committee should ignore newspaper gossip and carry out the orders of the House, nothing more or less, and the committee assented to this view.

Representative Butterworth, who was awaiting an examination, said that there was not a scintilia of truth in the statements that the committee it.

ments that the persons mentioned in the forgery were afraid to go to the bot-tom of this case. The committee would tom of this case. The committee would realize the effect of having it said daily that they were pulling the coat-tails of the members of the committee, saying "be careful."

Mr. Wilson, a member of the committee realing that it would exceed

mittee, replied that it would appear from the record that the committee had fully cross-examined Mr. McKinley and Representative J. B. Whiting, of Mich-

igan, Powell Crossley, of Cincinnati, and Governor James E. Campbell were also examined before the committee ad-journed for the day.

vecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The folppointed to-day: J. W. Randolph, vice A. Rollins, resigned, Guy, Jackson nedy, removed. Georgetown, Monon-gahela county; Joseph Depue, vice S. L. Showalter, resigned, McKaine, Wirt

showatter, resigned, Alexaine, which ounty. Pensions were granted to the following West Virginians: Original invalid— William Leech, Wheeling; Richard A. Chandler, Griffithville. Increase—George W. Turner, Huntington; Cornelius Ken-dall, Mannington; Joseph Jabo, Globe; Joseph McDonald. Littleton; William oseph McDonald, Littleton; William Logue, Bee; John W. Mercer, Riden-

Washington, D. C., Feb. 3.-The Sueme Court of the United States to-day rendered an opinion affirming the con ion for the tariff question. I invited fir. Conningham to call again. Coningham to call again. Coningham to call again. Coning General Goff said: "I would ike to state one other matter, although ntended to be covered by what I have intended to be covered by what I have itiled to a hearing, and members must be relative to the matter that Dr. Hartigan spoke of. Of course I know nothing about what took place, and what covered a research learning which is considered a research learning which is considered to the constant of the more than the more of the Mormon church.

KILLED BY THE CARS.

A Chesapenke & Ohlo Watchman Goes to Sleep on the Tract. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. HUNTINGTON, W. VA., Feb. 3.—J. M. came down and held an inquest, and from the best information it is learned he was killed by R. H. Goodwin's construc-tion train, going east about 4 o'clock. He must have sat down on the end of a rie must have sat down on the end of a cross tie after the fast train had passed, waiting for Clate McDonie, the day watchman, to come, and dropped asleep. The jury rendered a verdict of killed by a passing train.

A Notable Installation

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 .- It is seldom the Metropolitan Opera House is called

Fiery Fate.

AN AWFUL CATASTROPHE

Overtakes the Sleeping Household of Secretary of the Navy Tracy Yesterday Morning at Early Hour.

His Wife, Daughter and Servant Destroyed in the Twinkling of an Eye, and Others Narrowly Escape.

MOST FRIGHTFUL DEATH

The Secretary Himself is Dragged Out of the Burning Dwelling Unconscious, but is Finally Restored.

President Harrison Tells Him of the Death of His Wife and Daughter, at Which He Swoons Away.

BLAINE CONDOLES WITH HIM

The Full Particulars of the Disaster which has Cast a Gloom Over Administration Circles in Washington.

The Condition of the Secretary's Daughter and Grand-daughter, who Leaped from the Windows-Tue Story of the Rescues by the Firemen-The French Maid's

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3 .- A terri

ible calamity visited the household of ecretary Tracy this morning, by which three persons lost their lives and three others were badly injured. The house is a three story and basement brick, situated on I street, between Connecticut recently undergone extensive improve nents. Persons passing the house at 7 o'clock this morning saw smoke issuing from the front windows and at once aised an alarm of fire. The fire and police departments responded promptly The premises were almost concealed by heavy fog which was just lifting. It was streams of water were played on the

A scene of the wildest confusion ensued when it was known that all the members of the family were in the house. The firemen behaved like heroes in the emergency and went through the fire and smoke in searching for them in the different apartments. Mrs. Wilmerding, the Secretary's daughter, and Miss Wilmerding, forced their way through the blinding smoke and jumped from the second story window front. Ladders were raised for them, but in their excitement they failed to see them. Mrs. Wilmerding broke her left wrist and was severely bruised. Her daugh-ter was severely injured about the lower limbs, but broke no bones. They both suffered severely from the shock. Dr. Baxter near by administered restora-tives.

MRS. TRACY FOUND SUFFOCATED.

In front of the house the firemen were In front of the house the firemen were engaged in the task of removing other members of the family. From the rear Chief Engineer Parish found his way in the family and the firement of the Secretary's bouse. Just after crossing H street; the defroit of property, the bed room which had been occurred to the firement of the family. which the House found itself confronted, the dime had yet come, and God grant it special Disputch to the Intelligencer.

He did not believe, he said, that the time had yet come, and God grant it special Disputch to the Intelligencer.

Steep on the Truex.

Special Disputch to the Intelligencer.

Hustington, W. Va., Feb. 3.—J. M. Oraigs, the night watchman for the United States at the other end of the United States at the other end of the avenue or by the Speaker of the House of Representatives at this end of the avenue or by the Speaker of the House of Representatives at this end of the it was impossible to save her life. She died within a few minutes after her rescue. She was not burned, but died from suffocation. Almost at the same time two more bodies were taken from the other only by the superior texture of what remained of her stockings. The charred remains were taken to an under-taker's establishment in the vicinity,

place for the annual convention, and August 10 as the date.

Always Count on Chicago.

Oncago, Feb. 3.—The Chicago Presbytery, this morning, voted almost unanimously in favor of the revision of the confession of faith.

In Favor of Revision.

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District Supreme Oourt, which adjoins it on the left, was also badly damaged by water.

THE FIRE CHIEF'S STORY.

Chief Parish, of the fire department told his story as follows: "I paid no attention to the fire when I heard there were people in the house. I felt my way through the smoke to the second floor and found a man in a room. I tried to pick him up, but he was almost too heavy. I managed to drag him into a back room where there was more air, and then I broke the window out and called to Lowe, who was in the alley to run up a ladder. Then they took the man out and it proved to be the Secretary. I couldn't move him any further for I was exhausted and full up to the neck with smoke. Then I went back to the smoke and fire again and found a young lady, Miss Mary Tracy, they tell me it was, and as I caught hold of her wrists to lift her ap the flesh catae off her burned hands. She had been barned. I got her out, but she was dead.

Dr. Ruth at the solicitation of friends' survey and then relapsed into a state of insensibility. It tasted a short time only, however, and he again to alkort the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the doctors to leave him and called out to the subsequently inquired for his daughter and told the doctors to leave him and called out to the save the r. It subsequently

dead.

Dr. Ruth at the solicitation of friends visited the undertaker's establishment and identified Miss Tracy. He made a hurried examination and found she had died from suffocation. Mrs. Tracy was found to have died from rupture of blood vessels. A gentleman who saw the fire said never in his life did he see the fire said never in his life did he see. durined examination and found she had died from suffocation. Mrs. Tracy was found to have died from rupture of blood vessels. A gentleman who saw the fire said never in his life did he see or hear of such a sight.

A TERRIBLE SCENE. "It seemed" he said, "as though hell had broken loose and sent its flery tongue to earth. The whole building

and blood curdling than the other, from the interior of the building. Only a few people were passing at the time and they seemed bewildered. The engines soon arrived. You know the rest.' R. C. Turner is a footman at the Tracy residence. He was an eye witness of part of the fire. He was up and dressed before 7 o'clock, and was prepared to go up stairs to clean the silver. He slept in the basement, "Just as I was start-ing up stairs," said he, "a colored man up stairs to clean the silver. He slept in the basement. "Just as I was starting up stairs," said he, "a colored man rang the bell and told the butler, who answered it, that the house was on fire. The butler ran up stairs and immediately rushed back shouting "My God, the house is on fire." The first floor was in flames. We ran out the front door. Mrs. Wilmerding and her daughter were at the front second story windows crying for help. Both the ladies shortly jumped. Neither struck on their feet, but fell on their sides."

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Seventeenth street, almost itself captured by the fire, was thrown open for a
the dead and dying.
Mrs. Tracy, still alive, was brought in
by a couple of firemen and placed on a
sofa. It was a little after 8 o'clock when I
she spat up a little blood, hardly I
enough to be termed a hemorrhage,
closed her eyes and without a moan s
ceased to breathe. Her body was receased to breathe. ed to breathe. Her body was re-red to the residence of Attorney

A FIREMAN'S ACCOUNT. Charles Ross, who is the fireman of No. 1 engine, which was the first to reach the scene of the fire, said to a reporter: I was awakened by a yell of fire. I brought the young lady out the front way. She was still breathing slightly, although she was very far gone. Other men took the Secretary out the

back way. No flames were coming from the basement floor, and as far as I can judge at present the fire originated on the first floor. Policeman Cattelly was the first per-Pennsylvania Avenue and Seventeenth street, and then walked up Seventeenth street in the direction of the Secretary's house. Just after crossing H street he heard considerable noise and heard some one call "Fire." Running to the corner heaw the flames pouring from the windows. He went to the front door, but it being locked he turned and went to the basement door. Finding the door unlocked he entered the house and made difficulty managed to press through the smoke and flames to the upper floors. In the smoke-filled rooms the officer felt about to see if he could find any one, and finally he entered the second-story back. On the floor was something that into heal to see if he could find any one, and it was he discovered it was the body of a person that afterward proved to be Section? They could be succeeded by the Secretary over to the wind to hall the Secretary over to the window, and was still endeavoring to do so when Chief Parris arrived.

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Two young victims.
In the rear room of Undertaker Metropolitan Opera House is called upon to entertain such grace and beauty sit did to-day. The occasion was the installation ceremonies of Hon. Seth Lowe as President of Columbia College. The ceremonies were opened with prayer by Chaplain Duffie. This was sollowed by the address on behalf the Board of Trustees by Rev. Morgan Dix. Hon. Hamilton Fish amid a tumult of theering and handkerchief waving formally installed President Low into office.

Microscopists' Convention.

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Mr. James G. Biaine, Jr., also called rt the house several times. He bore me-ages of condolence from Secretary Biaine. The latter is bearing up well under his great alliction, and went out for a walk during the afternoon with his son Empere

on Emmons.

The President remained with Secre The President remained with Secre-tary Tracy until 2 O'clock, when he went to the White House. The bodies of Miss Tracy and the servant (since identified as the French nurse, Josephine Morell,) I were this afternoon removed temporarily to the residence of Attorney Generil Miller, on Massachusetts avenue, where the body of Mrs. Tracy was taken this morning.

HOW MRS, TRACY DIED.

he Dropped Forty Feet from a Window The Secretary Improving. Washington, Feb. 3.-Another account of the fire says: Mrs. Tracy endow, and in her effort to decrease dow, and in her effort to decrease the distance to the ground she grasped the narrow stone window sill and lowered herself as far as she was able. Those, who saw her in her perilous position, shouted to her to hold on, but either she did not hear, or her strength failed her, for after thus hanging a moment between life and death she fell forty feet into an area way before anything

an area way before could be done towards her or relieving her fall. She her or relieving her fall. She was inmediately taken to the house of a neighbor, Doctor Rheem, and placed upon a
lounge in the sitting room. She was
perfectly conscious and did not seem to
suffer pain. Occasionally she complained of an oppression in the neighborhood of her heart and found a difficulty in
breathing. She talked a while, coughed
slightly, and then became silent.
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The physicians looked at each other significantly. Mrs. Tracy was dead. The immediate cause of her death was supposed to be from injuries to her heart, sustained in her fall from the window, which flooded her lungs with blood. It is said that had she delayed her movement a couple of minutes, ladders and mattresses and other means of safe escape would have been at hand, Her body was soon removed to the residence.

fire. She had evidently died from suf-focation. The Chief lifted the lifeless body in his arms, and although the stair-case was ablaze, he brought it safely out into the street. It is said that Miss Tracy could have saved herself had her strength held out a few minutes longer. She fell in the hall-way of the second story, a few yards from the bath room, where, if she had reached and closed the door, would have insured her against the fire and smoke until assist-French maid little is known, save that her body was found in her room on the top floor of the house, burned beyond recognition. Both the bodies of Miss Tracy and her maid, were taken to an undertaker's establishment in the vicinity.

THE DESOLATED HOUSE.

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